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SUBJECT: MAJORITY STATEMENT CONCLUDING MAY SECURITY
COUNCIL DEBATE ON WEST BANK

FOR YOUR BACKGROUND IN EXPLAINING OUR ACTION IN JOINING
THE CONSENSUS STATEMENT IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL NOVEMBER 11
WE ARE REPEATING TO YOU BELOW THE TEXT OF THE MAJORITY
STATEMENT READ AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
DEBATE ON THE WEST BANK ON MAY 26, 1976. THE UNITED STATES
DELEGATE READ A STATEMENT AT THAT TIME DISASSOCIATING
US FROM THE MAJORITY VIEWS.

"FOLLOWING THE REQUEST SUBMITTED BY EGYPT ON MAY 3, 1976,
THE SECURITY COUNCIL MET FROM MAY 4, 1976 TO 26 TO CON-
SIDER THE SITUATION IN THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES.
AFTER CONSULTING ALL THE MEMBERS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE
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SECURITY COUNCIL CONCLUDES THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE

MEMBERS AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING:

GRAVE ANXIETY WAS EXPRESSED OVER THE PRESENT SITUATION IN THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES. CONCERN WAS ALSO EXPRESSED ABOUT THE WELL-BEING OF THE POPULATION OF THESE TERRITORIES. THE FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION RELATIVE TO

THE PROTECTION OF CIVILIAN PERSONS IN TIME OF WAR IS APPLICABLE TO THE ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL SINCE 1967. THE OCCUPYING POWER WAS THEREFORE CALLED UPON TO COMPLY STRICTLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION AND TO REFRAIN FROM AND RESCIND ANY - MEASURE THAT WOULD VIOLATE THEM. THE MEASURES TAKEN BY ISRAEL IN THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES THAT ALTER THEIR DEMOGRAPHIC COMPOSITION OR GEOGRAPHICAL NATURE AND PARTICULARLY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SETTLEMENTS WERE ACCORDINGLY DEPLORED. SUCH MEASURES, WHICH CANNOT PREJUDICE THE OUTCOME OF THE SEARCH FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE, CONSTITUTE AN OBSTACLE TO PEACE.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL SHOULD CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE SITUATION CLOSELY."

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